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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0482

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MEETING OF CAPE TOWN FIVE, MARCH 10

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET THIS AFTERNOON TO REVIEW WHERE WE STOOD IN RELATION TO OUR TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. WE MADE A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY FOURIE SET OUT IN PARA 5 OF OUR GROUP REPORT OF MARCH 8 (CAPE TOWN 456). WE FOUND TWO WHICH NEED URGENT ATTENTION:

(A) WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST TICK, I.E., QUESTIONS ASKED BY BOTHA ON SUNDAY, WE BELIEVE IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THE SECOND, I.E., THE CIVILIANIZATION OF THE 1600 SUPPORT TROOPS. WE WOULD WELCOME AN EARLY INDICATION WHETHER PROCEEDING ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN THIS QUESTION IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FIVE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE PROPOSAL MADE BY BOTHA, WE BELIEVE, REPRESENTS THE ROUTE WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE TO FOLLOW IN RECRUITING
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MEN WITH THE REQUIRED SKILLS.

(B) WITH REGARD TO BOTHA'S INSISTENCE ON THE NEED FOR INCORPORATING IN THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENT A MORE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE A-G AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ASPECT MIGHT BE TAKEN CARE OF WITH A SMALL AMENDMENT TO THE

THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 4 OF THE PROPOSALS. THIS
WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTITUTING FOR THE WORDS "DEAL WITH"
THE WORDS "WORK TOGETHER WITH". FROM CONVERSATIONS
WHICH WE HAVE HAD WITH BRAND FOURIE SINCE WEDNESDAY,
WE GOT THE IMPRESSION THIS FORMULATION, POSSIBLY SUPPLEMENTED
BY AN ELABORATION IN THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE FIVE TO THE
SECURITY COUNCIL, MIGHT MEET BOTHA'S PRE-OCCUPATIONS.

2. USUN AND EMBASSY OTTAWA PLEASE PASS TO CANADIANS.
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